Monday, *the* *20th March 1944* / *7th Meenam 1119*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.), in the Chair.

Messrs. C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, K. Ashtamurthi Nambudiripad, C. K. Nayar, T. P. Poulose, K. R. Ramakrishnan, B. M. Peter, Shabdai S. Koder and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

Swearing in of new member

Rama Varmha Tampuran, Secretary to Government, was duly sworn in.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—LAND MORTGAGE BANK

195. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when the term of office of the Board of Directors of the Cochin Land Mortgage Bank constituted in 1116, expired;

(*b*) has the new Board of Directors been constituted;

(*c*) if not, what is the reason for the delay;

(*d*) when were the new Directors of the Bank elected?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) The term of the elected members expired on 22nd Vrischigam 1119 and of the nominated members on 4th Kumbham 1119.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No answer necessary in view of answer to (*b*).

(*d*) On 25th Vrischigam 1119.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR—TATTAMANGALAM DISPENSARY

196. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how long is it that there is no Veterinary Inspector attached to Tattamangalam Dispensary;

(*b*) when was the permanent incumbent granted leave;

(*c*) who was appointed instead; when was it;

(*d*) do the Government know that there is no Inspector to-day?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) From 9th Thulam 1119 to 3rd Kumbham 1119 there was no Veterinary Surgeon. But the Veterinary Surgeon, Nemmara, was attending to urgent calls from veterinary institutions at Tattamangalam and Kozhinjampara during the period.

(*b*) On 9th Thulam 1119.

(*c*) Mr. M. Venugopala Menon was appointed on 21st Dhanu 1119, but he did not join duty. Then Mr. A. Subramania Ayyar, Retired Veterinary Surgeon, was appointed as Hon. Veterinary Surgeon; he joined duty on 4th Kumbham 1119.

(*d*) There is now a Veterinary Surgeon.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: How far is Kolinjampara from Nemmara?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I do not know the distance exactly.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Do the Government expect the suffering animal from anthrax to wait for the Surgeon to come to Kolinjampara from Nemmara?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Government wanted to appoint a Veterinary Surgeon there. But there is nobody in the waiting list. We advertised but nobody applied and nobody came forward. That was all the difficulty.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: May I know how the urgent calls were attended to?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Veterinary Surgeon of Nemmara will run up to this institution.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is this Mr. Venugopala Menon in service.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.
Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was he an applicant.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.
Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Why did he not join?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* He was in British service. When he was appointed here, he resigned his post there. He had written to the Government that as soon as his resignation was accepted he would join duty.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY—LITTORAL TRACTS

197. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the measures, if any, taken to improve fresh water supply in the littoral tracts during the year 1118;
(*b*) the measure, if any, taken in respect of the above in the year 1119;
(*c*) the amount of money spent, if any, during 1118 and 1119 for the purpose above-mentioned?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) In the year 1118 all the existing wells in littoral tracts were silt-cleared. The tube-wells were remodelled. Two of the masonry wells in Alikal and Malipuram were repaired. Some experiments were also tried in 1118 regarding the construction of masonry wells of a new design. Three wells were constructed last year and they stood well for the season supplying potable water.
(*b*) The following works have been taken up in 1119.—
(1) Construction of 6 wells in littoral tracts
(2) Repair of a tube-well in Trippunittura bus-stand
(3) Construction of a well in Maradu Panchayat
(4) Maintenance of the existing tube-wells.
(*c*) 1118 Rs. 762—3—6
1119 Rs. 1,230—0—0.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* May I know, Sir, whether these tube-wells and the wells of the new design that is mentioned here are adequate to supply fresh water or do they supply fresh water at all.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* My information is that they supply potable water.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* But is it meant for drinking purposes?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. When I visited the place, I saw several people taking water for drinking purposes.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* You saw several people taking water, but is it consumable water?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I particularly put the question to these people. I saw hundreds of people round the tube-wells which were recently fitted up there and I particularly put this question whether they used this water for drinking purposes.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* So, these tube-wells supply fresh water, is that the position you take.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* At least in one particular area.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* What is the extent of this area, and how many tube-wells are there?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are about 25 tube-wells.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Spread over what area? How many tube-wells were constructed during the last 5 years?
Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member's question is only regarding 2 years; if he wants the information for the last 5 years, he cannot expect an answer now.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* How many were constructed in the last 2 years.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* 25.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Over what area?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not know the exact area.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* At least miles.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* From Vypeen up to Cranganur.

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